

Priest Lake Ranger District Idaho Panhandle National Forests R1-01-37

# **Priest Lake Islands**Kalispell, Bartoo & Fourmile

**Welcome** to the Kalispell, Bartoo, and Fourmile Islands, yours to enjoy and use. To protect the natural resources and maintain a high quality recreational opportunity, we ask that you observe the following "rules of etiquette" while on the islands.

\*Camping in designated sites only.

\*A 14 day stay limit.

\*An annual day use launch and parking permit can be obtained from the Kalispell Bay Boat Launch host for a fee of \$35. (If you camp on the island and launch at the Kalispell Public Boat Launch then your camp fee includes one launch and parking per campsite.)

\*Portable toilets are <u>required</u> at sites <u>without</u> vault toilets. Campers can check out potty buckets at the boat launch. (Campers who are self contained in their boat while on the islands will not be required to have portable toilets.)

\*10 people per site.

\*Provision can be made for groups larger than 10 people by contacting the Forest Service District office. All other sites are on a first-come, first-served basis.

\*Fire in fire rings **only**. Do <u>not</u> burn garbage in fire rings. Burn only wood, paper, or charcoal.

\*Campfires must be put out when attended or leaving. Use water and stir to put out. Do not use sand or soil.

\*No garbage service is provided.

\*No fireworks.

\*No bathing or washing dishes in the lake.

\*No glass is allowed on the beach.

\*Pets must be leashed.

\*Quiet hours are between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.

\*Checkout is 2 p.m.

\*Failure to comply with rules could result in a citation.

## Where Do I Pay My Fee?

Camping fees for Kalispell and Bartoo Island will be collected at Kalispell Boat Launch or on the Island themselves. Pay within 30 minutes of occupying your site. Failure to pay within the required time period could result in a citation. You can check the status of available sites for both Islands at the boat launch. Campers can also deposit fees in the fee collection tubes located at the Kalispell Island host site, Silver Cove, West Shores, South Bartoo, Schneider, Three Pines, Rocky Point, North Cove, North Bartoo, or Sunshine.

# **Golden Age/Access Passports:**

Both passes can be purchased at any Forest Service office. Golden Age Passports can be purchased by any individual 62 years of age or older, allowing them to camp for ½ price. Permanently disabled or blind individuals can pick up a free Golden Access Passport enabling them to camp ½ price.

#### **Group Sites:**

Group site #29 on Kalispell and site #22 on Bartoo are reservable with groups of 10-30 people. To reserve these sites call the Priest Lake Ranger Station.

#### **Island Ranger**

Campers staying on the islands can expect a visit from the Island Ranger. The ranger is responsible for collecting fees and making sure campers understand and comply with the regulations. They make sure campers have portable toilets required for sites.

The islands have volunteer campground hosts. Hosts provide help to the campers in emergency situations and explain Forest Service management policies.

Trash can be deposited in the dumpster at Kalispell Boat Launch. Campers are encouraged to drop by and visit the hosts with any questions or comments about island regulations. The hosts have a variety of educational brochures and other information about Priest Lake activities.

(See map for hosts cabin locations- big signs are posted at the cabins to be seen even by boats)



**Priest Lake Islands Camping Sites** 

#### Pack it in - Pack it out

Priest Lake's Kalispell, Bartoo and Fourmile Islands, are operated under the "pack it in - pack it out" policy. This means that trash cans are not provided and that campers are required to bring their own trash bags out when they leave the campsite. Trash can be deposited in the dumpster at Kalispell Boat Launch.

Please be a good outdoor neighbor and leave your campsite as clean as or cleaner than you found it.

## **SCAT** machine at Kalispell Boat Launch

A plan has been established for dealing with the increasing amount of human waste being deposited on the shores and in the waters of Priest Lake.

The SCAT machine - a method of dealing with human waste - was installed at the Kalispell Public Boat Launch. Use of it is **FREE**.

Users place portable toilets, including commerical models and 5 gallon buckets, into the SCAT machine, which empties, cleans and sanitizes the containers. The process takes about two minutes

The Kalispell Boat Launch is located on the west side of Priest Lake.

#### For More Information

If you would like more information please contact the following offices.

### **Priest Lake Ranger District**

32203 Hwy. 57 Priest River ID 83856 (208) 443-2512 fs.usda.gov/goto/ipnf/priestlake

#### **Idaho Panhandle National Forests**

3815 Schreiber Way Coeur d'Alene ID 83815-8363 (208) 765-7223

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# **Priest Lake Water-Accessed Public Recreation Facilities**

Kalispell Island: Daily fee charged

Campsite	Number of sites	Vault Toilet	Port-a-Potty Required	Collection Fee Tubes	Fire Rings
West Shores	7	X		X	X
Peninsula	2		X		X
Schneider	5	X		X	X
Silver	8	X			X
Silver Cove	3	X		X	X
Selkirk	2		X		X
Three Pines Site #29 reservable group site	7	X		X	X
Cottonwood	1		X		X
Rocky Point	9	X		X	X
North Cove	5	X		X	X
Shady	1		X		X
Kalispell Vista	2		X		X
DAY USE AREAS: No Fees					X
Sandy Point Day Use			X		
Kalispell Vista Day Use		X			

Bartoo Island: Daily fee charged

Campsite	Number of Sites	Vault Toilet	Port-a-Potty Required	Collection Fee Tubes	Fire Rings
Cedars	1		X		X
North Bartoo	4		X	X	X
Solo 2	1		X		X
South Bartoo	7		X	X	X
Bartoo Solo	1		X		X
West Sunshine	3		X		X
Sunshine	5	X		X	X
Sunrise Reservable group site	1		X		X
DAY USE AREAS: No Fees					
Lone Pine Day Use		X			

Fourmile Island: No charge

Campsite	Number of Sites	Vault Toilet	Port-a-Potty Required	Collection Fee Tubes	Fire Rings
Northwest	1		X		

Priest Lake Shore Camping: No charge

Campsite	Number of Sites	Vault Toilet	Bear Proof Boxes	Fire Rings
Distillery Bay	6			
Bottle Bay	7	X	6	X
Teacher Bay	2		2	
Tule Bay	6		4	

Upper Priest Lake: No charge

Campsite	Number of Sites	Vault Toilet	Bear Proof Boxes	Fire Rings
Geisinger	2	X	3	X
Plowboy	5	X	5	X
Trapper Creek	5	X	6	X
Navigation	4	X	3	X

Kalispell Boat Launch - Restroom, trash collection, boat launch, fee charged for launch/parking, and SCAT machine.